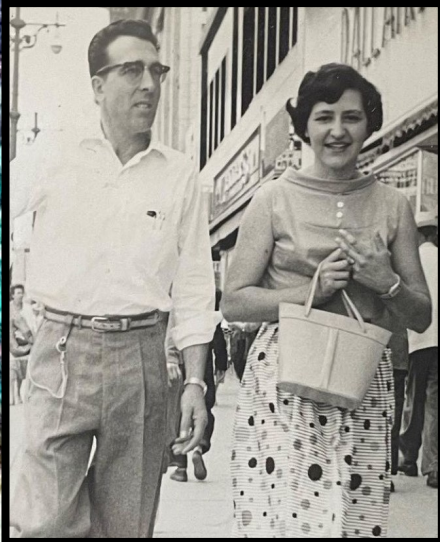


Celebrating The Life Of
Audrey Ruby Elsie Gareau

Friday, August 16, 2024 at 6pm
Church of the Messiah O.C.N., MB.

Presider: Rev. Lydia Constant

Music Ministry: Russell Cook Memorial Singers.



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charity of choice would be
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In Loving Memory Of
Audrey Ruby Elsie Gareau

May 21, 1935 - August 6, 2024

Audrey Gareau (née Clark) was born on May 21, 1935 in The Pas Manitoba. She was raised on Frog Creek near Cormorant, MB where she grew up on the family farm. Audrey had many fond memories of her childhood. For example, when she was 8 or 9 years old she and her eldest sister Eileen would play on an abandoned military bush plane. She also remembered how her grandpa “Whiskers” Fenner would hide coins in the floorboard for her find.

Audrey’s first job was at Smith’s Grocery Store. Later she went on to work as a telephone operator with her sister Shirley. In 1959, she married her husband Orville and the couple went on to raise four children. Married for 53 years, Audrey and Orville ran various small businesses, including REO taxi stand as well as a second hand store called Aud’s Bargain on Edward’s Street in The Pas. Throughout her life Audrey proved herself to be the queen of odd jobs and often talked fondly of her time working as a cook at Beardy’s tree-planting operation and helping in the kitchen at the Turner logging camp.

In 1982 the couple moved to Birch River where they had a small family hobby farm. Audrey was always trying new things, from snaring rabbits to building a playhouse for her grandkids. She enjoyed picking Saskatoon berries and exploring in the bush with her ATV trike. She took great joy in looking after her grandchildren, taking them around town as she sold her knitting and attended community events and festivities.

In 1999, Audrey and Orville moved to Cormorant to be closer to her family. Always industrious and up for a challenge, they built their Cormorant home from scratch. During that time she raised her granddaughter Tahne and they had a cat named “Little Lady.” Audrey was an active member of the Cormorant community, helping to organize many events including jamborees of gospel music and the Halloween trail for local kids.

After Orville passed away in 2012, Audrey moved back to The Pas and created a cozy home in the downtown high-rise apartment building. She enjoyed playing games and watching her favourite TV show The Bachelorette. She continued to knit and sold her “crazy socks” at Trapper’s festival, Berscheid Meats, and on-demand to community members who loved her knitting. Over the last decade, Audrey was an active member of OCN community garden group and served as the OCN Elder for the Opaskwayak Health Authority. She regularly attended Opaskwayak Culture and Healthy



Living Initiatives meetings.

Audrey’s adventurous spirit, witty sense of humour and love of socializing continued throughout her life. At the age of 77, she got her first and only tattoo—a rose on her ankle that represented her mother Bella. She tried a few funky hair dye colours like blue and purple, and embraced using social media to stay in touch with her many friends and family. She continued playing bingo regularly in the common room of her apartment building. In fact, the night before Audrey’s passing, she won the \$5 jackpot.

Audrey passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 6th, 2024. She is survived by her children Brant, Karen Larocque (Fred), Leonard, and Garth (Susan); grandchildren Tahne, Selina, Christee, Christopher, Matthew, Shawna, Tanya, Layton; great-grandchildren Kaeldin, Solenne, Matthew, Jayla, Troy; brother Gary Clark (Lydia) and many other close friends, nieces, nephews and other family members. Audrey was predeceased by her husband Orville; parents Bella and Garnet Clark; sister Eileen Turner, sister Shirley de Hoop, sister Julie Miller, and brother Raymond Clark.